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Annotated provisional agenda

1. **Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director**

2. **Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work**
[For action — E/ICEF/2008/9]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

3. **Annual report of the Executive Director: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan**
[For discussion — E/ICEF/2008/10]

In this annual report covering the year 2007, the Executive Director will report on progress towards the key results established in the medium-term strategic plan as well as challenges and constraints encountered; and on specific results and resources related to global partnerships, as requested in decisions 2005/8, 2005/19 and 2007/6. The report will have a data companion.

4. **Global strategy for collaborative relationships and partnerships: a preliminary concept note**
[For discussion — E/ICEF/2008/12]

This concept note has been prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2007/1, requesting a report on partnerships, including an overview of existing partnerships. The global strategy will be presented to the Executive Board at the annual session of 2009.

5. **Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation**
[For action]

(a) Draft country programme documents (CPDs)

At this session, the Executive Board will consider a total of nine draft CPDs, including five draft CPDs for full programme cycles. These are presented to the Executive Board for discussion and comment, and for approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular and other resources in the programme budget. The electronic versions of the draft CPDs, to be made available on the UNICEF website, will contain a link to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices, where applicable. Taking into account the comments made at this session, the draft documents will be revised and posted on the UNICEF website within six weeks of the session. The CPDs for full programme cycles will be submitted to the Executive Board on a no-objection basis at the second regular session of 2008 unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board.

The five draft CPDs for full country programmes are presented by region:

(a) Four from West and Central Africa: Benin, Republic of the Congo, Niger and Nigeria [E/ICEF/2008/P/L.4 through E/ICEF/2008/P/L.7]

(b) One from the Middle East and North Africa: Sudan [E/ICEF/2008/P/L.12]

In addition, four short-duration CPDs for one- to two-year programmes are presented to the Executive Board for approval at this session. These short-duration programmes are usually prepared so that the UNICEF programme cycle may be harmonized with those of other agencies or with national development strategies and initiatives; or to allow time for finalization of the United Nations Development Assistant Framework (UNDAF). It is expected that the full country programmes will be presented to the Executive Board in 2010. The CPDs are as follows:

(a) Two from the Americas and Caribbean: Ecuador (E/ICEF/2008/P/L.8) and Guatemala (E/ICEF/2008/P/L.9)

(b) Two from South Asia: Afghanistan (E/ICEF/2008/P/L.10) and Pakistan (E/ICEF/2008/P/L.11)

(b) Recommendation for additional other resources for approved country programmes

[For action — E/ICEF/2008/P/L.13]

The Executive Board is requested to approve increases in the other resources ceilings for approved country programmes that expect to take in other resources funding that exceed the levels originally approved by the Board.

6. Recent evaluation findings and recommendations

[For discussion — E/ICEF/2008/CRP.12]

This item will focus on the findings and recommendations of the recent evaluation of gender policy implementation at UNICEF. In response to Executive Board decision 2008/4, a report on the evaluation function and findings and recommendations from major global, regional and country-level evaluations will be discussed at the 2008 second regular session of the Executive Board.

7. Report on implementation of the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

[For discussion — E/ICEF/2008/11]

This report was prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2007/9 requesting a report on implementation of the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative.

8. Reports of Executive Board field visits

(a) Report of the field visit to Lao People's Democratic Republic by members of the Bureau

[For information — E/ICEF/2008/13]

The report of the field visit to Lao People's Democratic Republic by members of the Bureau, from 8 to 16 February 2008, is presented for information and discussion.

(b) Report of the joint field visit to Haiti by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

[For information — E/ICEF/2008/CRP.11]

The report of the joint field visit to Haiti by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, from 1 to 9 March 2008, is presented for information and discussion.

(c) Report of the field visit to Niger by members of the Executive Board
[For information — E/ICEF/2008/15]

The report of the field visit to Niger by members of the Executive Board, from 30 March to 6 April 2008, is presented for information and discussion. The field visit will be discussed together with item 5 (a).

9. Address by the President of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

By tradition, the Global Staff Association president addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

10. Other matters

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issues under this agenda item.

11. Adoption of draft decisions

12. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2008 annual session of the Executive Board 3-5 June 2008

Tuesday 3 June	a.m. 10.00-1.00	*Item 1*	Opening of the session
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 3	Annual report of the Executive Director. progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan
	p.m. 3.00-5.00	*Item 3 cont'd*	Annual report of the Executive Director. progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan
		Item 4	Global strategy for collaborative relationships and partnerships. a preliminary concept note
	5.00-6.00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 4 June	a.m. 10.00-1.00	*Item 5*	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Draft country programme documents (b) Recommendation for additional other resources for approved country programmes
	p.m. 3.00-5.00	*Item 6*	Recent evaluation findings and recommendations
		Item 7	Report on implementation of the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative
	5.00-6.00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 5 June	a.m. 10.00-1.00	*Item 8*	Reports of the field visits of the Executive Board
		Item 9	Statement by the Global Staff Association
	p.m. 3.00-6.00	*Item 10*	Other matters
		Item 11	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 12	Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President